

# Pet Guidelines for Hurricane Preparedness – General Preparations

## Prepare a pet survival kit that includes the following items:

- ▶ Crate or carrier for each pet that is large enough for the animal to stand and turn around. Help your pet adjust to the carrier by placing it in the carrier along with a treat or toy. Start with short periods of time then slowly increase the time.
- ▶ Leashes
- ▶ Water Dishes
- ▶ Food Dishes
- ▶ Toys or Blanket
- ▶ Litter Pan
- ▶ List of emergency phone numbers
  - Veterinarian
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- 2. Local animal shelters that will shelter lost pets in an emergency (Animal Care and Regulation Division 954-359-1313 and the Humane Society of Broward County 954-989-3977)
- 3. Friends or relatives
  - ▶ Photos of the pet(s) with you to prove you are the owner
  - ▶ Veterinary records
  - ▶ Rabies certificate with current license tag number
  - ▶ Tattoo number or microchip number

## Two-Weeks Supply of the following items:

- ▶ Food (moist or canned)
- ▶ Manual can opener
- ▶ Water
- ▶ Medications with instructions
- ▶ Treats
- ▶ Cat Litter
- ▶ Cleaning Supplies (newspaper, plastic bags, disinfectant, paper towels, metal ties to close bags)

Store items that will be damaged if wet, in waterproof containers. Store all the items of the pet survival kit in transportable containers that won't easily tear or break. Avoid containers such as bags made of paper or plastic and pillow cases.

## Be sure each pet has current vaccinations, especially rabies.

For identification purposes, make sure each cat or dog is wearing a collar with its current county animal license tag. We recommend a second method of identification, such as a tattoo or implanted microchip just in case the license tag is lost. Also, attach to the pet's collar a phone number of a family member or friend not in the evacuation zone. Anyone who finds your pet will be able to call a person who knows how to reach you.

Spay or neuter your pet so it won't become pregnant or impregnate other animals if it escapes or is lost during a hurricane.

If you will evacuate to a public shelter, make early arrangements to board your pet with another family member, foster home, kennel, animal clinic, or friend's home. [A list of boarding kennels](#) is available on our web site or by calling Animal Care at 954-359-1313 ext. 227.

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